

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as set forth below¹.

In paragraph [0010]

Fig. 2A is a sectional view of the insertion body according to the one embodiment;

Insert the following paragraph between paragraph [0010] and [0011]

Fig. 2B is a cross-sectional view of a coiling wire of the insertion body according to one embodiment of the invention;

In paragraph [0018]

(b) Insertion Body (FIGS. ~~1 and 2~~ 1, 2A, and 2B)

In paragraph [0019]

The insertion body 1 is designed for a right-handed screw and is a spiral coil that resembles a right-handed screw. The insertion body 1 is formed by coiling a wire 10 that has a rhombic cross section. The shape and size of the rhombic wire 10 are adjusted to those of the threads of the male and female screw 20 and 50. ~~In FIG. 2~~ FIGS. 2A and 2B, PD1 and PD2 designate the outside and inside thread pitch diameters, respectively, of the insertion body 1 in general and the rhombic wire 10 more specifically. The insertion body 1 is composed of a cylinder portion A having a fixed outside diameter and a taper portion B having an outside diameter that gradually decreases from the cylinder portion A toward the distal end of the body 1. The outside and inside thread pitch diameters PD1 and PD2 of the cylinder portion A are fixed and greater than the respective pitch diameters of the female and male screws 50 and 20, respectively. The taper portion B is a bite portion, and its outside and inside thread pitch diameters PD1 and PD2 are gradually reduced. In a range that covers one or more turns at the extreme end portion, the inside thread pitch diameter PD2 is smaller than the pitch diameter of the male screw 20.

¹ Amended portions of the specification are cited according to paragraph numbers provided in corresponding U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005-0095083.